

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

October 18, 2002

S. 2587

Joint Federal and State Navigable Waters Commission for Alaska Act

As reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on October 8, 2002

S. 2587 would establish a 14-member commission to investigate ownership of submerged lands in Alaska and recommend bodies of water to be considered navigable waters for purposes of the Submerged Lands Act. The proposed commission would terminate two years after all members have been appointed.

Based on historical costs of similar commissions, CBO estimates that implementing S. 2587 would cost between \$1 million and \$2 million over the 2003-2005 period, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues. S. 2587 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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